

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SIGNALING AN  
IMMINENT AUTO-EXPOSURE IN A DIGITAL CAMERA**

**Abstract of the Invention**

In a digital camera having a rotatable image display, when the camera is placed in an auto-exposure mode, the rotatable image display is positioned to face toward the exposure subjects. In the auto-exposure mode and after the exposure switch is activated, the image display provides a periodic count-down sequence such that an imminent shutter release is identified for the exposure subjects.